

<b>Interview Summary</b>	Application No. 10/075,615	Applicant(s) CAUTHEN, JOSEPH C.
	Examiner Urmi Chattopadhyay	Art Unit 3738

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

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 (2) David J. Isabella. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 21 March 2006.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference  
 c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.  
 If Yes, brief description: Not applicable.

Claim(s) discussed: 21.

Identification of prior art discussed: Kuslich (USPN 5,571,189); Stubstad et al. (USPN 3,867,728).

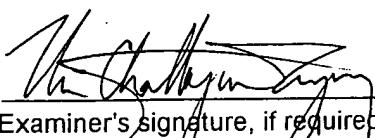
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed how the devices of the prior art references differed from applicant's invention, and if the device of Stubstad et al. would be sutured to the disc annulus. Proposed amending the preamble of claim 21 to positively recite an intervertebral disc wall treatment device and removing the intended use language.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.

  
 Examiner's signature, if required